PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Norio KOMINE, Seishi FUJIWARA, Akiko YOSHIDA, Former Group Art Unit: 2872 Hiroki JINBO and Norihisa YAMAGUCHI

Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. Former Examiner: S. Stein

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For:

OPTICAL MEMBER MADE OF SILICA GLASS, METHOD FOR

MANUFACTURING SILICA GLASS, AND REDUCTION PROJECTION

EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING THE OPTICAL MEMBER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Remarks.